

Pakistani Buy List: Bugs, Shockers

By Jack Anderson

The Pakistani government is shopping in the United States for torture devices for breaking down suspects and brainwashing prisoners.

The Pakistanis also would like to procure "technical equipment" for bugging rooms, tapping telephones, taking clandestine pictures and writing secret messages in invisible ink.

It is suspected—but can't be stated positively—that the money for the torture and tapping devices will come out of U.S. aid funds.

Col. Khan Ahmed Shamshad, the Pakistani army attache in Washington, has been circulating a bizarre shopping list of 17 items.

High on the list is "electric shock pulses equipment, time one second to ten seconds, for use in interrogation of suspects to break them for interrogation."

Next on the list are "interrogations powerful lights" and "color changer on the lights" for "brainwashing of suspects."

The Pakistanis are also seeking tape recorders "for tape recording of unguarded con-

versation" and a small camera "for unobtrusive photography."

"Static intercepting devices" are wanted "to intercept unguarded conversations" plus hidden infrared cameras "for unguarded photography" and an audio interceptor "to intercept conversations on telephone."

Spy Tools

For the use presumably of Pakistani spies, Col. Khan would also like to buy an invisible ink kit "for invisible writing and detecting invisible writing."

We carefully verified the authenticity of the amazing procurement list. Then we called Col. Khan for his comment.

"I don't know what to say," he sputtered. "This is, of course, an internal thing. I can only say this much: your reading—I would agree with that—but it is not with an ulterior motives."

He suggested that "every government" uses torture and tapping equipment. His strange shopping list, he added, "is just an inquiry."

But he submitted the list to one arms dealer, Aviterra Corp. of Bethesda, Md., with a

letter declaring: "We are interested to procure the equipment as per list attached. Before placing a firm order as to the procurement of equipment, we would like to have the technical literature for study and evaluation."

The firm's president, Horst Kleinsorg, happens to be a German who had done business with the Pakistanis but who has bitter memories of Adolf Hitler.

"Just by reading the list," he replied to Col. Khan, "I feel certain memories back when I was a child in Germany and unfortunately was a witness when this material was at the disposal of people like the ones requesting it now..."

"Instead of spending money for this type of equipment, it is, in my opinion, more appropriate to take these funds and feed little children in the slums of Karachi and Lahore. If you feed them now, you don't have to interrogate them later."

Slush Fund

One of the nation's largest banks, the Crocker National Bank of California, has been

hitting up its executives for campaign contributions.

In a stuffy letter to its high-level employees, bank Chairman Emmett Solomon urged them to make contributions to the "Robert M. Pike Trustee Fund." As it turns out the fund is named for the bank's corporate secretary and is a slush fund for the bank's favorite political candidates.

"Contributions to the fund are entirely voluntary," says Solomon's letter which then pointedly suggests that contributions should be "equal to one-half of one per cent of your gross annual salary."

Denholm's Office

Rep. Frank Denholm, the freshman Democrat from South Dakota, operates a district office in Brookings, S.D., that costs the taxpayers \$200 a month rent. Since Denholm and his wife now own the building, they are collecting most of the money.

What's more, the congressman has named an old friend, real estate man Arthur Anderson, as his \$29,000-a-year administrative assistant.